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LETTER DATED 12 MAY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, and with reference to the letter dated 5 May 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1994/543), I have the honour to inform you of Kuwait's violations of the provisions of the cease-fire and of the instructions relating to the demilitarized zone:

On 26 April, at 0600 hours, three armed Kuwaiti boats attacked a group of Iraqi fishermen who were fishing in the Zubayr canal at coordinates 9122, opening fire in their direction. They then surrounded them and bound their hands and blindfolded them before boarding them onto the Kuwaiti boats in which they took them to the Kuwaiti coast guard station at Salimiyah. Below is a list of the names of the 17 fishermen who were apprehended together with their boats:

1. Riyad Muhammad al-Sayyid
2. Hani Haydar Sharhan
3. Salim Muhsin Abd al-Rida
4. A'il Muhsin Abd al-Rida
5. Abd al-Zahrah Yahya Ya'qub
6. Riyad Muhsin Abd al-Rida
7. Ali Hamzah Husayn
8. Qasim Hamzah Husayn
9. Abd al-Zahrah Abd al-Kazim Samawa
10. Abd al-Rida Abd al-Husayn Samawa
11. Kazim Hasan Matar
12. Laftah Abd al-Karim Abd al-Rida
13. Subhi Kazim Laftah
14. Rabi' Kazim Laftah
15. Riyad Farhan Sandal
16. Shabut Abd Allah Faraj Allah
17. Hazim Muhammad Sa'd Sandal

The Kuwaitis interrogated and tortured them. They freed them on 7 May 1994 after the International Committee of the Red Cross and the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission (UNIKOM) intervened.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative